

**REGULAR MEETING
LABOR, EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
JANUARY 29, 2009 @ 3:45 P.M.
TRIBAL OFFICE BOARD ROOM**

1. Chairperson Regina Washinawatok called the meeting to order at 3:53 p.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present. MEMBERS PRESENT: Regina Washinawatok, Michael Skenadore, Wendell Waukau, Dr. Verna Fowler (Melissa Cook representing Dr. Fowler), Karen Washinawatok and Shannon Chapman (late), and Virginia Nuske (late). MEMBERS ABSENT: Lynette Miller (excused), and Anthony Waupochick. ALSO PRESENT: Rebecca R. Elder and Natasha Miller (recorder).

2. Moment of Silence. A moment of silence was observed.

3. Rebecca R. Elder-College of Menominee Nation.

Rebecca R. Elder introduced herself to the committee. Ms. Elder worked as the Director for the American Indian Center in Appleton, WI. until she was given the opportunity to work for the College. She is now working at the College to help benefit Native American people as she strongly believes that she can do that through education.

(Shannon Chapman entered the meeting at 4:01 p.m.)

Wendell Waukau recommended that Ms. Elder visit the High School to meet the students and get them involved. Ms. Elder would like to start involving the freshman so that they are preparing themselves with the correct classes before entering college. She is willing to assist any student with the submittal of their FAFSA's.

(Virginia Nuske entered the meeting at 4:08 p.m.)

4. Update on Education Summit A) Sub-Committee Report.

The next meeting is set for February 10, 2009.

5. Monthly Narratives.

HEAD START

Michael Skenadore informed the committee that the Head Start program was labeled "At Risk" and the two areas are being corrected. The first area was the financial reports not being submitted in a timely fashion and this has been corrected. The second area is the ratio (teacher/student) staffing. Head Start needs to hire an Education and Disabilities Manager and the Family Service Managers should only manage 65 families not the current 85 families per Manager). Candace Wilber is interested in being a certified Menominee Language Teacher for the Head Start Program as Carol Sanapaw is concentrating on her CMN credits.

MENOMINEE TRIBAL SCHOOL

Shannon Chapman informed the committee that the school has about a 90 percent attendance ratio. Most of the students moved to the Green Bay area but in return, the school has also picked up students.

Motion made by Karen Washinawatok to approve the narratives. Second was by Wendell Waukau. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 2-absent (Miller and Waupochick).

6. Other Business.

The Committee reviewed the process of appointments after the new Legislators take office. The Menominee Tribal Legislature will make the appointments on February 19, 2009.

Round Housing is at the Menominee Middle School every Thursday night.

The Committee thanked Regina Washinawatok on her 2-1/2 years of service to the Tribe and being the Chairman of this Committee the full term.

7. Adjournment.

Motion made by Mike Skenadore to adjourn. Second was by Virginia Nuske. All those in favor signify by saying aye. Motion carried: 6-for, 0-opposed, 0-abstentions, 2-absent (Miller and Waupochick). Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Natasha Miller, recorder
Linda Peters, transcriber
Chairman's Office